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TO : Chief, FBIS

FROM : Acting Chief, London Bureau

SUBJECT: Retention of Dictaphone Belts

DATE: 26 July 1956

1. The Head, BBC Monitoring Service, recently gave his answer to a FBIS request that the BBC retain Dictaphone belts from all Communist transmitters for a period of 90 days, as specified in the 27 July 1955 FB-43-1 Regulation, RETENTION AND DISPOSITION OF FBIS BUREAU RECORDS.

2. The position taken by the Head of the Monitoring Service was that if he were pressed to issue instructions for the retention of belts for the longer period, he felt he would have to go along with the FBIS proposal. He added that he hoped that FBIS would not consider it essential to press the point. In any case, he added, the BBC found the present 28-day retention of belts--include Home Service belts--sufficient for its ordinary needs. He also mentioned that an additional £150 expenditure for wallets would be required should the longer storage period belts become necessary.

3. The BBC was informed that these views would be passed along to Washington for its comment.



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